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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Harold R. Blomquist  
Serial No. : 09/767,567  
Filing Date : January 23, 2001  
For : PROCESS FOR PREPARING  
FREE-FLOWING PARTICULATE  
PHASE STABILIZED AMMONIUM  
NITRATE  
Group Art Unit : 3641  
Examiner : Edward A. Miller  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4820  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1400  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for preparing a free-flowing,  
phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate, said process comprising the  
following steps:

preparing a solution of ammonium nitrate, a  
surfactant, an inert liquid, and an ammonium nitrate phase

## DISCLAIMER

The terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of:

- ☐ United States Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer,
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- ☒ Other than a small entity - fee \$110.00.
- ☐ Small entity-fee \$55.00.
  - ☐ A verified statement is attached.
  - ☐ A verified statement was already filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

**IDENTITY OF ASSIGNEE AND TITLE OF DISCLAIMANT**  
(if applicable)

The assignee is

Name of assignee TRW Inc.  
Address of assignee 1900 Richmond Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124

Title of disclaimant authorized to sign on behalf of assignee \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTENT OF DISCLAIMANT'S INTEREST**

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns is in:

- ☒ the whole of this invention.  
☐ a sectional interest in this invention, as follows:  
(state the exact interest of the disclaimant)

**RECORDAL OF ASSIGNMENT IN PTO**  
(if applicable)

- ☒ The assignment was recorded on January 23, 2001  
Reel 011489  
Frame 0185  
☐ Authorization for recordal of the assignment is separately attached.  
☐ A separate ☐ "ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET" or  
☐ FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

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(if applicable)

- ☐ Attached is a CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this case.

### FEE PAYMENT

- ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00.
- ☒ Charge Account 20-0090 for any fee deficiency.
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this disclaimer is attached.

### DECLARATION

- ☐ As I am not a person registered to practice before the Office, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under SECTION 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: November 12, 2002

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Signature of disclaimant

  
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